

**15-1491 MUSNUFF V. HAEGER**

DECISION BELOW: 813 F.3d 1233

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 12-17718, 13-16861

**QUESTION PRESENTED:**

1. Whether a federal court may impose sanctions against an attorney for non-disclosure of documents without either affording heightened procedural protections, as required for punitive sanctions, or finding a causal relationship between the sanctioned conduct and the amount awarded, as required for compensatory sanctions.

2. Whether a federal court may rely on its inherent authority to impose sanctions on an attorney for non-disclosure of documents, even though the court never issued an order compelling production of the documents pursuant to Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

LIMITED TO QUESTION 1 PRESENTED BY THE PETITION. CONSOLIDATED WITH 15-1406 FOR ONE HOUR ORAL ARGUMENT.

CERT. GRANTED 9/29/2016